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acid, evening primrose oil, borage oil, lecithin, octacosanol, rosemary, sage, γ -oryzanol, β -carotene, palm carotene, perilla oil, chitin, chitosan, royal jelly and propolis, oil-soluble vitamins, derivatives of oil-soluble vitamins, water-soluble vitamins and derivatives of water-soluble vitamins.

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15. (Amended) The composition of claim 14 wherein the oil-soluble vitamins are selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin D, vitamin E, vitamin F and vitamin K; and the water-soluble vitamins are selected from the group consisting of vitamin B₁, vitamin B₂, vitamin B₆, vitamin B₁₂, vitamin C, vitamin L, vitamin P, nicotinic acid, pantothenic acid and choline.

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14, as a result of which claim 14 has been canceled.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct inadvertent errors, by deleting both occurrences of "derivatives of". It is apparent that claim 15 recites the vitamins (oil-soluble and water-soluble) themselves, rather than the derivatives of the vitamins.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments should be entered even though they are being submitted after a final rejection, since the Examiner has already examined claim 14, and therefore incorporating the subject matter of this claim into claim 1 will not require any further consideration and/or search of the prior art. The amendments to claim 15, as noted above, are simply to correct inadvertent errors which are obvious errors, and also will not require any further consideration and/or search of the prior art.

The patentability of the present invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims will be apparent upon consideration of the following remarks.